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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE
ART UNIT 2177

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PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
RYO FUJIMOTO ET AL.)
Application No.: 09/458,689)
Filed: December 10, 1999)
For: IMAGE MANAGING APPARATUS)
AND METHOD, IMAGE RETRIEVING)
APPARATUS AND METHOD, AND)
STORAGE MEDIUM : April 16, 2003
Examiner: S.R. Pannala
Art Unit: 2177

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Commissioner for Patents
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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL ACTION
AND PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Sir:

Applicants petition to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated December 18, 2002, to and including April 18, 2003. A check in the amount of \$110.00 for payment of the extension fee is enclosed. Please charge any additional fee required for the extension, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account 06-1205.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to amend the above-identified application as follows: